

Jim began working at Austin Industries, rising to Vice President of Human Resources. In 1998, he took on the role of Treasurer with ESCA where he used his knowledge of this important and unique retirement savings vehicle to help protect and expand it to other businesses across Texas and the United States. Through ESCA's efforts, Members of Congress have become better educated about retirement savings benefits created by private, employee-owned companies for their employee-owners. Jim has been instrumental in the fight to prevent inadvertent harm to S corporation Employee Share Ownership Plans (ESOPs), particularly in the days of pension reform. His retirement is well-deserved.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Jim Schranz and wishing him all the best as he retires.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL SALUTE TO VETERAN PATIENTS AND HONORING THE JESSE BROWN AND HINES VETERANS AFFAIRS HOSPITALS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the week in which we celebrate the National Salute to Veteran Patients which begins February 12th.

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs annually observes the week of February 14th as our Nation's National Salute to Veteran Patients. This week is our opportunity to honor the more than 98,000 veterans who are cared for day-in and day-out by our Nation's Veterans Affairs hospitals, outpatient clinics, and nursing homes.

Our Nation's veterans have sacrificed much to ensure the safety of our homeland. Their service oftentimes comes at a price to their own personal well-being. When our servicemen and women are injured, our Veterans Affairs hospitals provide vital services that help them heal and return to life in our communities. This week serves as a reminder to thank our veterans for their service to our country while also commending those who treat them with medical care.

I would also like to recognize the Veterans Affairs hospitals that serve the servicemen and women of Illinois's 5th District and the surrounding areas. The Jesse Brown Veteran Affairs Medical Center and the Edward Hines, Jr. Veteran Affairs Hospital admirably serve our veterans throughout the City of Chicago as well as into other parts of Illinois and Indiana. With more than one million outpatient visits between the two hospitals in a single year, the doctors, nurses and staff of both Jesse Brown and Edward Hines, Jr. are to be commended for the care that they provide to our veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring our Nation's veterans during this National Salute to Veteran Patients week.

CELEBRATING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF SAN RAFAEL CITY SCHOOLS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of San Rafael City Schools, an institution with a long and proud legacy of service to the young people of Marin County. San Rafael City Schools dates almost to the foundation of our county itself, and its history reminds us of the powerful role our system of public education has played in shaping the character and direction of our communities.

The first of the San Rafael City Schools—the fourth public school in the county—was opened in San Rafael in 1861, just over a decade after Marin County was founded and California was admitted into the Union. In a city numbering only several hundred residents, this first school counted 25 students in its first year, and it remained the city's only public school for 26 years.

As San Rafael began to assume its role as Marin County's population center, the school system expanded rapidly to meet new demand. A second elementary school was added in 1887, and in 1888 the county's first high school, which expanded further in 1899. New elementary schools were added again in 1904 and 1909, followed by an even more intense series of construction projects mid-century, eventually numbering over a dozen new, expanded, or retrofitted facilities. Today, 12 schools serve San Rafael's nearly 6,000 students, including separate districts for K-8 and high school education.

Since its founding, San Rafael City Schools has been an anchor for local families. It has played an integral role in the strength and success of San Rafael and Marin County, sending generations of Marin young people into the world with the preparation necessary to tackle our country's challenges. More recently, the special role of San Rafael City Schools has been recognized in the bond measures city voters have supported to support extensive infrastructure modernization projects.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the sesquicentennial of San Rafael City Schools. This is an institution that represents the democratic promise of public education to empower every individual, and in so doing foster and uplift an entire community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, an unavoidable conflict required that I miss roll call #45, the Alexander Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 3521, the Expedited Legislative Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act of 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted in support of this amendment.

HONORING CARY M. MAGUIRE

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Cary M. Maguire, a fellow Texan who exemplifies fortitude, American entrepreneurship, and community service.

Over the past twenty years, Cary's strength of character was tested and proven as he fought for justice in a property rights dispute against the Houston, Texas city government. Despite being dealt a bad hand, court after court, Cary never surrendered. He showed courage and faith that justice would prevail, and his perseverance was ultimately rewarded.

Cary is the founder, Chair, and President of the Dallas-based Maguire Oil Company and Maguire Energy Company. In 1991, Cary's company was given a permit by the city of Houston to drill near the banks of Lake Houston. However, when his crew began the project a city officer patrolling the area stopped the team, citing a city ordinance that prohibited drilling within 1,000 feet of the shore. The city revoked Maguire Oil's permit, and a lengthy court battle began.

The case was shuffled around for fourteen years as courts argued over jurisdiction and how to proceed. In 2009, a Harris County court-at-law awarded Maguire \$2 million in damages, plus \$2.2 million in interest. The City appealed this ruling before agreeing on a settlement, settling a lawsuit that spanned two trials, four appeals and the administrations of four mayors.

While acknowledging that the amount spent in legal fees exceeded the amount of the settlement, Cary stated that he continued the case because he thought it was important to defend the principle that while government has the right to take property for the public good, it does not have the right to do so without compensating the property owner.

Cary proceeded to donate the settlement money to found the Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility that bears his name at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, Texas, where he serves as Trustee Emeritus in recognition for his outstanding service to the University as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1976 to 2000.

In addition to his founding grant to create the Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, Cary also endowed a university-wide professorship in ethics at SMU. He has provided additional funds for programs and facilities in SMU's Edwin L. Cox School of Business, including the Maguire Energy Institute, the Maguire Chair in oil and gas management, and the Maguire Building housing undergraduate programs in the Cox School.

In 1995 he and his wife, Ann, were among the first recipients of SMU's Mustang Award honoring individuals whose longtime service and philanthropy have had a lasting impact on the University.

His national leadership positions include service on The National Petroleum Council, the Executive Committee of Mid-Continental Oil and Gas Association, and membership of the Madison Council of the Library of Congress, where he funded the Maguire Chair in Ethics and American History.

Mr. Speaker, Cary Maguire's professional and philanthropic contributions will have a lasting value not only in the great State of Texas, but our nation. He embodies many outstanding qualities that define the American spirit. As we adjourn the House of Representatives today, let us do so in appreciation of this American leader, Mr. Cary Maguire.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 46, I did vote "yes" and checked the monitor—apparently the card or system malfunctioned.

RECOGNIZING DR. WILLIAM LLOYD BOOKER FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICES IN MISSISSIPPI HEALTH CARE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. William Lloyd Booker of Clarksdale, Mississippi, for his noteworthy health care contributions to the Clarksdale, Mississippi, community.

Dr. Booker's education began in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, where he graduated from West Tallahatchie as High Salutatorian in 1973. He completed his undergraduate studies at Tougaloo College majoring in Chemistry where he graduated "Cum Laude" with a Bachelor of Science degree. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Iowa in 1982 and residence training at Broadlawn Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa, where he served as a resident physician.

Dr. Booker has served as Medical Director and Staff Physician for Aaron E. Henry Health Service Center in Clarksdale, Mississippi, since 1985. He practices Family Medicine and was associated with the Northwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center, where he served as Chairman of the Department of Medicine from 2000 to 2002, Vice Chief of Staff from 2002 to 2004, Chief of Staff from 2004 to 2006, and now serves as Regional State Physician Leadership Council Representative.

Dr. Booker is a member of the National Association of Community Health Centers, Mississippi Primary Health Care Association, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Swarowski Crystal Society.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Dr. William Lloyd Booker for his contributions and services in health care to the Clarksdale, Mississippi, community.

HONORING CARL E. HEASTIE, MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BRONX DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month 2012, I rise today to recognize a lawmaker from the Bronx whom I admire greatly, the Honorable Carl E. Heastie.

Carl E. Heastie has been Assemblyman for the 83rd Assembly District in the Bronx since 2000. Since he became an Assemblyman, he has been recognized by his colleagues as being one of the most active members in Albany. He currently serves as Chairman of the New York State Assembly Committee on Cities, where he is responsible for addressing issues facing New York City and New York State's other urban areas. He has also earned the respect of local and state elected officials through his work as Chairman of the Bronx Democratic County Committee.

Assemblyman Heastie attended New York City public schools, and always had a love for math. This interest was developed and refined while at the State University of New York at Stony Brook where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics and Statistics and an MBA in Finance from the Bernard M. Baruch College, CUNY. Assemblyman Heastie has extensive experience in budgeting issues, and served as a budget analyst for the City of New York's Comptroller's Office prior to his election. Assemblyman Heastie's expertise in evaluating numbers has garnered the respect and admiration of his peers.

Since taking office, Assemblyman Heastie has been successful in securing much needed resources for his district in the areas of housing, health and human services and education. Among his many accomplishments, he was a lead negotiator for the construction of new schools in the Bronx. Aware of the needs of low-wage workers, Assemblyman Heastie was the author of the Wage Theft Prevention Act which provided stiffer penalties for employers who steal wages from employees. Additionally, because of concerns about potential barriers that victims of domestic violence may face when trying to leave their abuser, Assemblyman Heastie drafted a law to allow domestic violence victims to be released from their lease obligation if it is found that their remaining in their residence would keep them exposed to a dangerous situation.

Mr. Speaker, Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie has earned a much-deserved reputation as a hardworking, determined and exceptional public servant. He is part of a new wave of elected officials in this country whose qualities include fidelity to the best interests of one's constituents and honesty in public dealings. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing a gifted individual, and someone who carries with him the hopes of thousands of New Yorkers, including myself, The Honorable Carl E. Heastie.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LT. COLONEL JOHN JOSEPH MURRAY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lieutenant Colonel John Joseph Murray, an American patriot, community leader, devoted father and grandfather, and a dear friend of mine for many years, who passed away on January 30, 2012 at the age of 90.

John was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 6, 1922 to Joseph Murray and Madeline Cassidy. After graduating from high school in 1939, he began his military career in 1942—a career that would span nearly a quarter of a century. John served as an officer in the United States Air Force before retiring in 1968 as a Lieutenant Colonel and Combat Rated Pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours. His military career earned him the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters and numerous other military service medals. He was a gifted pilot, qualifying in 20 different aircraft, and was a dedicated lifetime member of the Air Force Association.

John also recognized the value of higher education, and in 1957 he received a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia, PA, where he served as an ROTC teacher. That same year, he graduated from the United States Air Force Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. John continued his education by earning his Master's of Business Administration at the University of Dallas in 1977 at the age of 55.

Service was part of John's character, so it came as no surprise that he took the initiative to mentor many young adults in their educational pursuits. John created a scholarship fund through his local Air Force Association chapter for college students struggling financially. He took an active role in encouraging these students and shared in their joy as they reached their goal of graduation.

Upon his retirement from the Air Force, John and his family moved to Greenville, Texas where he began a second distinguished career in the aerospace industry, serving thirty-one years and retiring in 1998 at the age of 76. For nineteen of those years, he was appointed to serve as Chairman of the Employees' Political Action Committee. As Chairman, John hosted informative political forums in Greenville, inviting many special guests over the years including then Governor Bill Clements; then Governor and former President George W. Bush; former U.S. Senators Lloyd Bentsen, Phil Gramm, John Tower, as well as our current U.S. Senator KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON. I was also honored as his Congressman to attend several of John's forums.

John was a highly respected man known for his intelligence, honesty, and integrity, both in his own community and in Washington. Everyone who knew John was struck by his innate optimism, his positive attitude, and his genuine kindness. John was a natural leader, and I am fortunate to have counted him as my friend. He will be dearly missed by all those whose lives he touched.

Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this American patriot, Colonel John Joseph Murray.